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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 March 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hattori (U.S. 6,094,674) and Bendinelli (U.S. 6,061,719).

3. As per claim 1, 15 & 24 Hattori disclosed a confederacy comprising: a network; a plurality of devices coupled via said network, at least one of said devices having a resource (col.3, lines 36-64); and means for automatically effecting communication with respect to said resource between said device having said resource and at least one other of said devices coupled via said network (col.3, lines 25-35 & col.10, lines 4-16) and a central access device for allowing an administrator to remotely manage the plurality of devices connected to the network without requiring individual physical access of each device to browse the web content therein (col.2, lines 3-6 & col.3, lines 36-64). In the same field of endeavor Hattori did not explicitly disclose wherein said resource is embedded web content. However Bendinelli disclosed wherein said resource is embedded web content (col.1, lines 45-67, col.2, lines 1-5, col.2, lines 51-67 & col.3, line12).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time this invention was made to have incorporated web content as taught by Bendinelli to be available to the networked devices having a central access managing device as taught by Hattori in order to give administrators more control & users more versatility, added features and as a result enrich their network browsing experience.

4. As per claims 2 & 16 Hattori- Bendinelli disclosed the invention of Claim 1 wherein said network is an intranet (Hattori, col.19, lines 38-42).

5. As per claims 4, 5, 6, 7 & 17 Hattori-Bendinelli disclosed means for automatically effecting communication being an agent residing on at least one of said devices (col.2, lines 59-61); wherein said agent resides on said device having said resource; further including an agent running on each device on said network; wherein each agent running on each of said devices on said network is implemented in software (Hattori, col.6, lines 1-6 & col.10, lines 4-16).

6. As per claims 8, 9 & 18 Hattori-Bendinelli disclosed the invention of Claim 7 wherein said agents include code for establishing and joining the said confederacy (Hattori, col.13, lines 5-10 & col.14, lines 50-59).

7. As per claims 11 & 20 Hattori-Bendinelli disclosed the invention of Claim 8 wherein at least one device includes memory for caching an object value from a device in said confederacy (Hattori, col.12, 36-45).

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8. As per claims 12 & 21 Hattori-Bendinelli disclosed the invention of Claim 8 wherein at least one of said agents includes code for allowing each member to act as a portal (Hattori, col.13, lines 22-31).

9. As per claims 13 & 22 Hattori-Bendinelli disclosed the invention of Claim 8 wherein said agents include code for monitoring changes at said other devices in said confederacy (Hattori, col.6, lines 1-14).

10. As per claims 14 & 23 Hattori-Bendinelli disclosed the invention of Claim 8 wherein said agent includes code for verifying that a member device is active and in the confederacy (Hattori, col.6, lines 15-22).

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 05/23/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

12. The applicant argued that "none of the cited references, in combination or alone , disclose the applicants central access device for allowing an administrator to remotely manage the plurality of devices connected to the network without requiring individual physical access of each device to browse the web content therein".

13. As to applicant arguments Hittori discloses an information processing system (central access device) in which information of functions and processes is registered which performs the control operation (administration) for each user (col.3, lines 36-64).

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14. The applicant argued that Hittori require an user to manage their individual client machine and not an administrator, like the applicant's claimed invention.

15. As to applicants arguments please refer to examiner's comments on line 13.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asghar Bilgrami whose telephone number is 571-272-3907. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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